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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

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ENZYME GRANULES AND ENZYME
GRANULES PRODUCED THUS

Group: 1792

Examiner: Robert A. Vetere

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Further to Applicants' Duty of Disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the material cited on the enclosed PTO/SB/08a form. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of the cited U.S. publications and/or patent documents have not been included.

The Examiner must note that co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/862,238, filed June 7, 2004, (Our Docket No. SMB-PT091.1 (P 03 600 B US-C)), entitled "*Enzyme Granulate Production Method and Resulting Enzyme Granulates*" is by the same inventors and assigned to the same assignee as the present invention.

Reference EP 0 332 929 A1 is submitted herewith in the German language with an English language Abstract.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the issuance of a first official action on the merits mailed on March 24, 2009. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2), the required fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) of \$180.00 is enclosed herewith. If any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0493.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO/SB08a form indicating his consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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